(b) to (d) The Operation Research Group has recently submitted its filled *iv* schedules for the evaluation studies On receipt of the filled in scb.ed.ilcs from all the States, the concurrent evaluation, report will be compiled. and finalised by the Ministry of i Development.

Allocution of plan fund* for develop ment of power

863 SHRI ASHOK MITRA: Will thei Minister of PLANKING AND PROGRAMME IMPLEMENTATION be- plased to state:

(a) the region-wise allocation of Plylends for the development of povise-.: in the successive Five Year

*(b) th*e criteria- according to which such ailocations have been decided upon. and

(c) wherher the eastern and the nor;.: i eastern zones received thelowest allocation:; for power in all the plans

THE MINISTER of STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF PLANNING AND PROGRAMME IMPLEMENTATION *SHRI* GIRIDHAR GOMANGO): (a) (c) The allocation of Plan Funds :or the development of power .ioctoe in the successive Five Year PLANS.: is not done region-wise 'but the same is being done on Statewise basis. The allocation of P3lan funds for State is decided based on the State's own resource.; and the Central support. The Central support includes market borrowing, negotiated loans formula based Central assistance. Central assistance for externally aided projects and plan revenue deficit: grant etc The Statewise allocation for power sector is available in the successive. Five Year Plans document.

Variation in estimates of urban poor, unemployed and underemployed

863. SHRI JAGMOHAN: Will the Minister of PLANNING AND PRO GRAMME IMPLEMENTATION foe pieased to state:

(a) whether the Planning Commission j estimates regarding the number of urban poor, urban unemployed and under-employed have been found to be very low;

(b; whether the Lakadawala Committee has estimated that the numbers about double the figure adopted by the Commission;

(c) what are the reasons for this wide variation; and

(d) what action is being taken to make the necessary correction?

THE MINISTER of STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF PLANNING AND PROGRAMME IMPLEMENTATION (SHRI GIRIDHAR GOMANGO):

(a) and(.b) Planning Commission bas estirruteii the number of urban poor as 4.17 crore in 1987-88. The "Expert Group on Estimation of Proportion and Number of Poor" under the chairmanship of Prof. D.T. Lakacl-v wala has estimated the number of urba*n poor* as *3.3ai* crore in 1937 ho Planning Commission estimates of urban unemployment rates, based on the results of National Sample Survey on Employment and Unemployment of 43rd (1987-88) are 6.56 per cent as per usual principal status. 7.12 per cent as per current weekly status and 9.36 per cent as per cut-rent daily status. The Expert Group under the chairmanship of Prof. D.T. Lakdawala has not estimated unemployment and underemployment rates.

(c) and (d) The variation in the estimate of urban poverty between Planning Commission and the "Expert Group" is due to the differences in the methodology of estimation.